

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending after entry of the amendments directed herein. Withdrawn claims 7-32 are formally canceled herein without prejudice. The Office Action states that the application, claims 1-6, is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters addressed herein below.

Cancellation of claims 7-32:

The Office Action requests the cancellation of withdrawn claims 7-32. As noted above, claims 7-32 are cancelled herein without prejudice.

Sequence Compliance:

The Office Action states that the application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.821-1.825.

Applicants submit herewith paper and computer-readable forms of a Sequence Listing that complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825. The amendments to the specification directed herein are made to add SEQ ID NO identifiers corresponding to the sequences shown in Figures 1a (SEQ ID NO: 5) and 4a (SEQ ID NO: 1-4). In accord with 37 C.F.R. 1.821(f) and (g), Applicants hereby state that the Sequence Listing information recorded in computer-readable form is identical to the paper copy of the Sequence Listing, and that the Sequence Listing and amendments add no new matter.

Formal Figures:

The Office Action notes that the figures were objected to by the Draftsman.

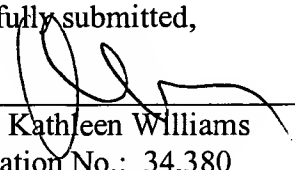
A formal set of Figures 1a-6, on 7 separate sheets, is submitted herewith. These figures were accepted and published in the corresponding PCT application and are therefore believed to be in full compliance with the standards required by the USPTO.

Serial No.: 09/998,805

Applicants submit that all issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed herein. Claims 1-6 have been stated by the Examiner to be allowable in their current form. In view of the amendments and materials submitted herewith, such action is respectfully requested.

Date: 8/13/04

Respectfully submitted,



Name: Kathleen Williams
Registration No.: 34,380
Customer No.: 29933
Palmer & Dodge LLP
111 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02199-7613
Tel: 617-239-0100